

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum):** Is it the view of the Government that the Pattadars generally do not stand in need of help. I wish to have that point made clear because it would appear from the statement that they do not stand in need of any help at all?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (Ag. Secretary to Government):** That is what the Land Revenue Commissioner says.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum):** I am not concerned with the Land Revenue Commissioner. I wish to know whether it is the view of the Government?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (Ag. Secretary to Government):** Government more or less accept the opinion of the land Revenue Commissioner.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum):** May I take it that the Government are of the opinion that the Pattadars do not stand in need of any help?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (Ag. Secretary to Government):** The Pattadars generally do not stand in need of help as I said before; and as will be seen from the appendix, Government have issued instructions to the Land Revenue Commissioner to grant all possible concessions in suitable cases.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum):** As for that I am not able to see what concessions have been granted.

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (Ag. Secretary to Government):** The member will see from the appendix that Government are alive to the fact that there may be cases in which not unwillingness but sheer inability to pay may be the cause of default and that such persons may pay up if given time to find the money. Hence with a view to avoid undue hardships to the ryots Government have decided to grant certain concessions.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum):** May I know who is to ascertain the inability or the unwillingness of the agriculturists to pay tax?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (Ag. Secretary to Government):** The officers of the Revenue Department who have directly to deal with the agriculturists.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum):** Is it the local Proverthikar?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (Ag. Secretary to Government):** The Proverthikar and the Tahsildar, under the orders of the Dewan Peishkar.

*Census Commissioner and his establishment.*

14. **MR. O. M. THOMAS (Kottayam):** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the office and establishment of the Census Commissioner have ceased to exist;

(b) if so, from what date; and

(c) if not, the probable date on which these will cease?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a), this question does not arise.

(c) At the Census of 1921, the office of the Census Commissioner which was formed at the beginning of the Malabar year 1096 ceased to exist in Tulam 1098. Several special enquiries, such as the economic census, survey of disappearing industries, etc., which were not conducted at the last Census, are being conducted now and hence, the tabulation of the results of these enquiries and the preparation of reports thereon may necessitate the continuance of the office and establishment of the Census Commissioner even longer than on the last occasion.

**MR. O. M. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Is the Census Commissioner also the Chairman of the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. O. M. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Now during the time that he is the Chairman of the Committee is any arrangement made for the discharge of his duties as Census Commissioner?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I wish to know whether the question arises as a supplementary question?

**MR. O. M. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Does he hold these offices at one and the same time?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. O. M. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Has that fact delayed the preparation of the report of the Committee?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The time for the preparation of the report is not yet.

*Grant for the conduct of the Co-operative Journal.*

15. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of publications issued by the Co-operative Department for propaganda work in connection with the co-operative movement;

(b) the publications issued by non-official agency;

(c) whether they give any grant for the publication of the *Travancore Co-operative Journal*;

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, the amount of such grant; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) 18 leaflets.

(b) *The Travancore Co-operative Monthly* in Malayalam published by the Travancore Co-operative Institute.

(c) In 1103, a grant of Rs. 500 was given for the publication; no grant is given now.

(d) In view of the answer to part (c), this does not arise.

(e) The grant was sanctioned for one year so that a start might be made. *The Journal* has a sufficient circulation to maintain itself.